

4 Couples Vie to Adopt Utah's Crash Orphan

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Tribune Special

HEBER — Beanie Spotts, 2½-year-old orphan on an auto accident near Daniels Summit Jan. 5, played nonchalantly—and once or twice noisily—in a courtroom here Tuesday while attorneys opened legal proceedings which will determine his future home.

Beanie, or Guy Henry Spotts III, was destined to be well cared for regardless of the court's decision, it appeared, because the court received offers of adoption from his maternal grandparents, his paternal grandparents, a brother-in-law and a sister of his father and a brother-in-law and a sister of his mother.

Beanie's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Jr., were killed a few miles west of Daniel's Summit Jan. 5 when their car skidded on an icy section of highway, careened into an embankment and overturned several times.

Child Found Unhurt

Passing motorists found the child unhurt in the wrecked car, and he was brought to Heber and became the temporary ward of Joseph A. Olpin, Heber mortician, and Mrs. Olpin.

Litigants in the case which opened Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., paternal grandparents of Beanie; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo., school teacher, maternal grandmother of the child; Mr. and Mrs. Olpin, as temporary custodians of the child pending settlement of the case, and Judge Dean E. Terry and Mrs. Julia L. Bybee, probation officer of Third district juvenile court, Provo.

Mr. and Mrs. Spotts and Mrs. Felin indicated desire to adopt the child and rear him in their homes, and, in addition, the court was informed that brothers-in-law and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Spotts

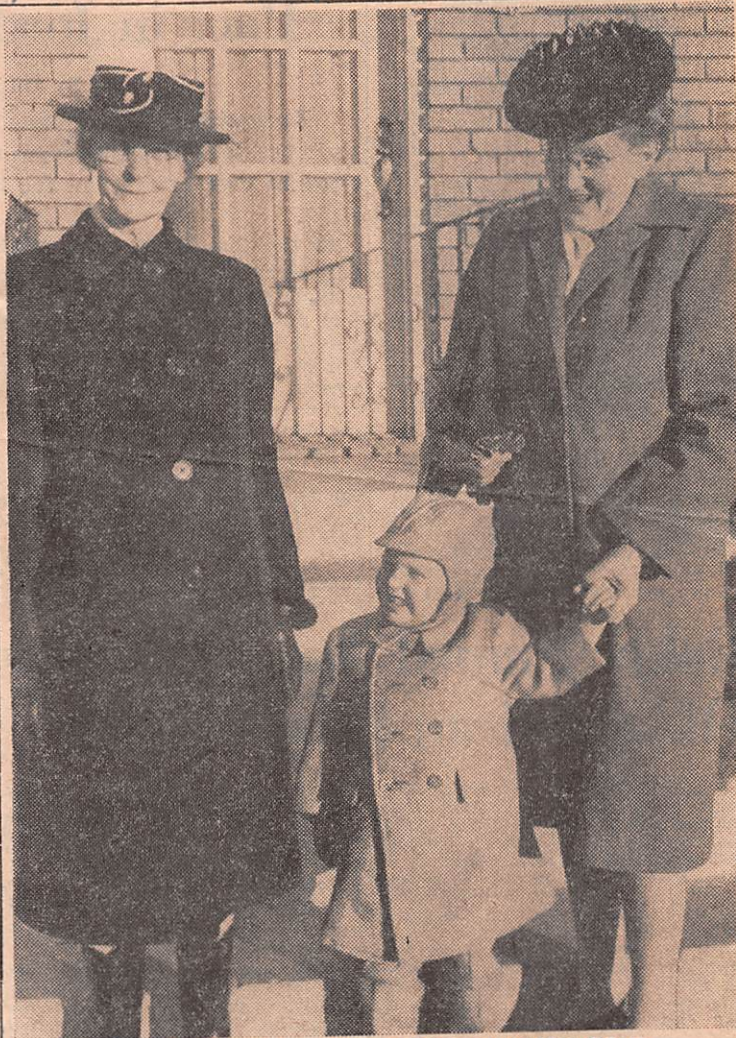
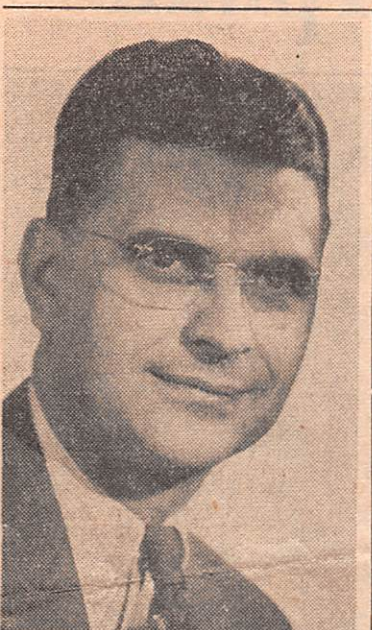


FIGURE IN CUSTODY STRUGGLE

Center of a legal custody case, Beanie Spotts, 2½-year-old child orphaned by an auto accident Jan. 5, poses near Wasatch county courthouse, Heber, with his grandmothers, Mrs. Guy Henry Spotts Sr., Williamsport, Pa., left; Mrs. Lucille Felin, Rock Springs, Wyo.,

Favorites Rule Roost In Prep Cage Loops



Grantsville, Bingham Set Pace in Jordan Division

By BILL CLEGG

Pace-setters in the Jordan and Summit divisions maintained their positions atop the league standings by hanging up expected victories over quintets in the lower half of the league Tuesday night.

In the Summit division, Park City kept its record perfect with a 48-33 triumph over North Summit at Coalville, while Wasatch stayed right on the heels of the Miners with a hard-earned 32-29 verdict over Morgan. South Summit retained third place by thumping winless South Rich, 50-29.

Grantsville continued to dominate the Jordan sector, but the Cowboys were pulling leather before they pulled away in the last four minutes to defeat Murray, 33-23. Bingham held second place, thanks to a 52-40 win over an in-

spired Judge Memorial five, while Cyprus kept in the thick of the race with a 45-36 margin over Tooele.

A nonleague encounter found Moab turning back Fruita, Colo., 32-28, on the Moab court, in a contest where neither team made one substitution.

Wednesday's slate finds a pair of contests in the South Sevier division, Richfield moving out to Monroe, while Salina meets Wayne at Bicknell. Two tilts are docketed for Thursday, West swinging out to Price to meet the Carbon Dinosaurs, while North Sanpete and Gunnison tangle on the Wasatch academy floor at Mt. Pleasant.

Frank K. Baker . . . Leaves Salt Lake position with A B C.

Baker Named Asst. Secretary Of American Bowling Unit

Frank K. Baker, sports writer and radio executive in Salt Lake City for the past 16 years and one of the top bowlers in the state's history, was appointed assistant secretary of the American Bowling Congress Tuesday, A B C Secy. Elmer Baumgarten announced through the Associated Press in Milwaukee.

For the past two years, Baker has been director of personnel and public relations for station KDYL and prior to that served as sports editor and city editor of the Salt Lake Telegram for 14 years.

Baker will understudy Baumgarten until the latter retires sometime within the next year. Baumgarten was recently reelected to a five-year term but announced Tuesday that he did not plan to finish out his term.

The highest pin averages ever recorded in the state, Baker is the owner of one of the 13 perfect 300 games which have been rolled in the state's league competition. In addition, Baker still holds the city all-events record of 1969 pins, scored in nine games.

While sports editor of The Telegram, Baker became a great race-car enthusiast and drove Ab Jenkins' "hepped-up" racer over the salt flats at a speed of 150 miles per hour. Later he rode with Jenkins when the former Salt Lake City mayor guided his racer over the flats at 186 miles per hour. Baker was called the world's fastest hitch-hiker, following this ride.

Before Mrs. Fell took the stand the judge expressed doubt concerning his jurisdiction in the matter. In a strange legal argument which occupied 95 minutes of the three-hour session, George S. Ball, attorney for Mrs. Fell, successfully argued their contention that the court had jurisdiction in the case. The case then proceeded as a hearing upon a writ of habeas corpus brought by Mrs. Fell to show cause why Mr. and Mrs. Olpin, at direction of the juvenile court, should continue to have custody of the child. Pending decision in the case, the court decreed that Mr. and Mrs. Olpin retain custody of Beanie.